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SUBJ: DAHOMEAN RECOGNITION OF PRG

PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON

REF: STATE 52335; ABIDJAN 1905

1. EMBASSY FIRST LEARNED OF DAHOMEAN RECOGNITION OF PRG FROM STATE 52335 DATED MARCH 22 (VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS). MRGD HAS GIVEN ACT OF RECOGNITION NO LOCAL PUBLICITY. FRENCH SDECE OFFICIAL CONFIRMED ON MARCH 22 THAT " INSTRUMENTS OF RECOGNITION" WAS SIGNED IN DAHOMEAN EMBASSY PARIS ON MARCH 14. HE COULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

2. DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW DAHOMEAN INTEREST MIGHT BE SERVED BY RECOGNITION OF PRG. HOWEVER, IT DOES FIT INTO PATTERN OF PAST THREE MONTHS DURING WHICH MRGD RECOGNIZED PRC, NORTH KOREANS AND SIHANOUK REGIME . ONE CAN UNDERSTAND MRGD ACTION RE PRC AND NORTH KOREANS ON BASIS THEIR POTENTIAL AS SOURCES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
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AND FACT THEY DO CONSTITUTE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENTS IN CONTROL OF NATIONAL TERRITORY. HOWEVER, SIHANOUK AND PRG HARDLY LIKELY BE LUCRATIVE SOURCES OF AID, AND CERTAINLY NEITHER CAN CLAIM DE FACTO CONTROL OF CAMBODIA OR SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. HOW RECOGNITION OF PRG WILL EFFECT PREVIOUS DAHOMEAN RECOGNITION OF RVN NOT CLEAR TO US. SUGGEST RVN AMBASSADOR IN ABIDJAN, WHO STILL ACCREDITED IN DAHOMEY, MIGHT WISH VISIT COTONOU TO CLARIFY SITUATION.
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